

ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
29 West Avenue
Essex, CT 06426

Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 18, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Going called the regular meeting of the Essex Harbor Management Commission to order at 7: 30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Jeff Going, Chairman
Wally Schieferdecker, Vice Chairman
Walter Wiegert, Treasurer
Joe Zaraschi
Buddy Hitchcock, Alternate was seated for John Senning

Ruth Hockert, Clerk

Doug Domenie – Dauntless Shipyard and Marina
Cy Libby – Dauntless Shipyard and Marina

3. MINUTES – MARCH MEETING

Motion – Walter Wiegert moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Wally Schieferdecker seconded
Change the reference to John Senning Law Group to The Essex Law Group
9 add the words “Gateway Commission’s in front of Watershed Abstract
11 put commas between the letter designations for the marks
Page 3 correct the spelling of “floatation”
5-0-0 motion approved

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Domenie of Dauntless Shipyard and Marina spoke regarding the fact that many of their commercial moorings are not rented for the season and he would like to ask for a sabbatical for placing 5-6 of them. These 5-6 all need some replacement parts and if they are not going to be used the work could be put off. Mr. Domenie had spoken with the Harbor Master and he did not have a problem with those moorings not going in. There would be an adjustment to the layout moving boats up. He will submit his request in writing for the file.

Mr. Domenie also raised the issue that there are support moorings being rented for the season in violation of the permit. Those moorings are not providing upland support for the mooring holders. He asks that the Harbor Master and Commission look into the matter. The Harbor Master can certainly send a letter reminding mooring permit holders of the requirements of holding a “support” mooring permit.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Walter Wiegert distributed and reviewed with the Commission the April Treasurer’s Report.

**MOTION – Wally Schieferdecker moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted, Joe Zaraschi seconded
4-0-1 motion approved, Walter Wiegert abstained**

Walter Wiegert has received one invoice from the Clerk for April.

**MOTION – Walter Wiegert moved to pay the clerk, Wally Schieferdecker seconded
5-0-0 motion approved.**

Walter Wiegert is in receipt of a request for an updated signature card for Liberty Bank.

**MOTION – Walter Wiegert moved that a Resolution appointing Walter Wiegert and Jeff Going as signatories on any Liberty Bank Account be passed by the Commission, Fred Hitchcock seconded
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

6. HARBOR MASTER

In the absence of the Harbor Master the clerk reports that the Harbor Master had been busy with mooring inspections. ^ Essex Yacht Club moorings needed new eyes welded on.

Sabbatical request - Jim Wallis this matter will be tabled until the next meeting when the Harbor Master will be present

Scharfenstein – Chairman Jeff Going questioned the length of the boat; the clerk said it was approximately 40 feet; this matter will be tabled until the next meeting.

7. HARBOR MANAGEMENT BUSINESS

A. **Rock pile removal** – The Commission is in receipt of one proposal which was in the amount of \$ 164,018. Wally Schieferdecker reported that he had spoken to a number of individuals but most were not interested. The

COP makes it difficult for a contractor in that they can only work at high tide, it is a shallow area anyway and when they load a barge it draws additional water and it will be difficult to move the rocks from a barge into a truck as it cannot be done at the foot of Main Street so an arrangement would need to be made with a commercial establishment.

It was decided that the Chairman would write a response thanking the company for taking the time to bid on the project. The Commission is going to re-evaluate the project as the proposal was much higher than expected.

MOTION _ Wally Schieferdecker moved to approve writing of the response letter to Coastline Consulting, Walter Wiegert seconded 5-0-0 motion passed unanimously

B. Harbor Management Issues

Update Harbor Management Plan – Review Ordinances – no action

C. Town Access Ways

New Rack for Bushnell – materials and Paul available in about two weeks

Town Dock Railing – new wood was put in the railing

Mack Lane – needs immediate cleanup from Sandy storm damage

(Joe Zaraschi mentioned that the town crew is working still to clean up Sandy damage in many areas in town)

8. CORRESPONDENCE – none

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Wally Schieferdecker attended a DOT meeting regarding the increased number of trains that AMTRAK and Shoreline East are planning to add. In a couple of weeks the new schedule for the summer will be available. The proposal is over the next few years as the trains are purchased to add 30 new trains a day during weekend hours. The bridge issue will be added to the agenda for upcoming meetings so that when information is available broadcast emails can be developed for all mooring holders and interested boat owners.

Doug Domenie brought to the Commission information regarding the proposed work to be done on the bulkhead which will necessitate excavation from the town side to relieve pressure. He will provide the plans from the permit when it is ready. The Commission may get the COP to review from DEEP.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. Joe Zaraschi mentioned that last year the Commission discussed purchasing some arborvitae for planting for screening purposes as Bushnell Park.

**Motion – Walter Wiegert moved that Joe Zaraschi be empowered to purchase 12 arborvitae for Bushnell Park, spending no more than \$ 1000.00; Buddy Hitchcock seconded
2-0-0 motion passed, Joe Zaraschi and Buddy Hitchcock in favor**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Wally Schieferdecker moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hockert, Clerk